

CHIROPRACTIC BOARD:

Applicant for license must make grade of 60 per cent in each subject, and 75 per cent average on entire examination.

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State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
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Dear Sir:

We have received your request for an opinion of this Department, which request reads as follows:

"Would you give the Missouri State Board of Chiropractic Examiners an opinion as to what the minimum grades an applicant can make to secure a license to practice the science of chiropractic in the State of Missouri."

Section 10054, R. S. Mo. 1939, (Laws Mo. 1947, p. 225) sets forth the qualifications which must be met in order for a person to obtain a license to practice chiropractic in the State of Missouri. The portion of this section, relevant to your inquiry, reads as follows:

"* * * The board shall subject all applicants to an examination in the following subjects: anatomy, physiology, symptomatology, hygiene, and sanitation, chiropractic orthopedy, pathology, principles of chiropractic, chiropractic analysis, and practical application of their knowledge and skill in chiropractic adjusting and nerve tracing. The board shall issue to such applicant, who shall correctly answer 75 per cent of all questions propounded in such examination, and who shall not fall below 60 per cent in any one subject, a license to practice chiropractic: * * *"

This provision is, we believe, clear in its meaning and not subject to interpretation.

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The applicant is required to make a grade of at least 60 per cent in each of the subjects specified, and have an average grade of 75 per cent for all of the subjects. The average should be obtained by adding the grade on each of the subjects of the examination and dividing the total thus obtained by the number of subjects in the examination.

If the applicant fails to make a grade of 60 per cent in any one subject, he is not entitled to a license although his average grade might exceed 75 per cent. This requirement having been established by the Legislature, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners is without authority to waive the requirement set out therein.

CONCLUSION

An applicant for a license to practice chiropractic must have a grade of at least 60 per cent in each subject of the examination, and an average grade of 75 per cent for all subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

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